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IFAX is installed in securities firm A. PC is installed in a customer B and the other IFAX is installed in a branch C. IFAX transmits and receives image data between ~~PA~~ PC and IFAX via LAN and the Internet by use of e-mail. While, IFAX is connected to PSTN. IFAX transmits and receives facsimile data between ~~3FAX~~ G3FAX and IFAX via PSTN. IFAX transmits and receives image data among PC and the other IFAX and G3FAX and transmits the same image data to a host computer installed in a center in reduction in communication costs with respect to the center. ---